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SEIK DEVELOPMENT OF
SUBTROPICAL INDUSTRIAL CROPS

TESTS NEW PLANTS FOR HERCEGOVINA -- Politika, No 13262, 12 Jun 49

The Agricultural Institute in Mostar has been conducting experiments to determine the best subtropical industrial crops for cultivation in Hercegovina. Particular attention is being paid to cotton. In experiments with seven Macedonian and four American varieties, yields up to 2,170 kilograms per hectare were obtained.

Cotton was grown in Hercegovina for the first time in 1946. This year an area $7\frac{1}{2}$ times larger than last year will be planted in cotton in six srez of Hercegovina.

Research at the Institute has shown that castor beans, from which a first-class edible oil is obtained, can be grown in six srez of Hercegovina. Several times more area will be planted in castor beans this year than last. Sesame also can be grown in Hercegovina. Experiments are now in progress with plantings of ramie (a textile plant), deccan hemp, lallementia, and other industrial plants, as well as on aromatic and rubber-producing plants.

Attempts are being made at the experimental farm at Ilinci to select varieties of figs, almonds, oranges, lemons, and other subtropical fruits from southern Europe and Africa, which have never been grown successfully in Hercegovina.

The reclamation of the karst polje in southern Hercegovina will provide suitable conditions for growing rice next year.

HIGH-YIELDING WHEAT DEVELOPED -- Politika, No 13266, 17 Jun 49

The Federal Scientific Experimental Institute for the Production and Improvement of Plants in Zemun has grown a new variety of wheat that will yield 80 metric centners of grain per hectare, as in the USSR. Cross-fertilized seed produces $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 metric centners more grain per hectare than self-fertilized seed.

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